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LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the patent application.

Claims 1-5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): A buckle comprising:

a socket;

a plug having a tip end to be inserted to the socket and to be released from the socket by pressing from both sides of the socket, the plug having a base formed on a base end, at least a pair of lock arms extending from the base to the tip end of the plug, at least one guide bar disposed between the lock arms, an engaging part formed on a part of the lock arm to be engageable with the socket, and a pressing part disposed at a part of the lock arm to be pressed when the socket is released; and

a bridge connecting the parts of at least the pair of the lock arms and extending around a tip end of the guide bar;

wherein the tip end of the guide bar is located on the side of the tip end of the plug relative to the both ends of the bridge and the bridge extends around the tip end of the guide bar at the central part thereof without contacting the tip end of the guide bar; and wherein the central part of the bridge is bent in a direction away from the base of the plug to extend around the tip end of the guide bar.

Claim 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (previously presented): The buckle according to claim 6, wherein the bridge is approximately V-shaped bent at the central part.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The buckle according to claim 8, wherein the center angle of the approximately V-shaped is 90 degrees or less.

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Claim 10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (previously presented): The buckle according to claim 6, wherein the both ends of the bridge are located on the sides of the base end of the plug relative to the pressing part.

Claim 12 (new): A buckle comprising:

a socket;

a plug having a tip end to be inserted to the socket and to be released from the socket by pressing from both sides of the socket, the plug having a base formed on a base end, at least a pair of lock arms extending from the base to the tip end of the plug, at least one guide bar disposed between the lock arms, an engaging part formed on a part of the lock arm to be engageable with the socket, and a pressing part disposed at a part of the lock arm to be pressed when the socket is released; and

a bridge connecting the parts of at least the pair of the lock arms and extending around a tip end of the guide bar;

wherein the tip end of the guide bar is located on the side of the tip end of the plug relative to the both ends of the bridge and the bridge extends around the tip end of the guide bar at the central part thereof without contacting the tip end of the guide bar; and wherein the both ends of the bridge are located on the sides of the base end of the plug relative to the pressing part.

Claim 13 (new): The buckle according to claim 12, wherein the bridge is approximately V-shaped bent at the central part.

Claim 14 (new): The buckle according to claim 13, wherein the center angle of the approximately V-shaped is 90 degrees or less.